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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ULKU ROWE,

Plaintiff,

New York, N.Y.

V.

19 Civ. 8655 (LGS)

GOOGLE, LLC,

Defendant.

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May 14, 2020
10:48 a.m.

Before:

HON. LORNA G. SCHOFIELD,

District Judge

APPEARANCES

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1 level 9 were male.

2 MS. BROWN: Yes, your Honor; as of November 2019.

3 THE COURT: So, it seems to me that at least those men
4 out of the 25 are reasonably considered comparators. I don't
5 agree with the argument that plaintiff is restricted to the
6 comparators at, that she has made and identified in the
7 complaint as I agree with the legal proposition that part of
8 the purpose of discovery is to identify comparators so that is
9 what I am inclined to order.

10 But, let me ask the plaintiff why you wanted more than
11 that.

12 MS. GREENE: Thank you, your Honor. This is Cara
13 Greene.

14 While technical director may have some value in terms
15 of assessing the comparability of individuals, in and of itself
16 it is not determinative. What we know is that plaintiff was in
17 an engineering role. What we have indicated to defendant is
18 that we are not interested in the level 8 or level 9s in an
19 unrelated role so things like marketing or operations or other
20 types of non-engineering roles. But, as to engineering roles,
21 the plaintiff was told repeatedly that -- in Google speak they
22 refer to it as eng roles -- level 8 eng role is the same. To
23 be able to assess comparability under the differing standards
24 of the equal pay law claims and the anti-discrimination claims
25 either we -- we don't believe that the starting point should be

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1 Ken Gage.

2 If I understand what your Honor is suggesting
3 correctly, I want to make sure that I know whether the chicken
4 or the egg is coming first here. If your Honor is suggesting
5 that there be a 30(b)(6) deposition focused on this topic to
6 then facilitate negotiations around what those comparable roles
7 would be within L8, L9 engineering roles, I think that would
8 make some sense. If, on the other hand, the egg is coming
9 before the chicken, so to speak, and we are being, you are
10 inclined to order us to respond to all of the discovery
11 requests on this point for L8, L9 engineering roles that, I
12 think, would be a real problem and I think overly broad
13 because --

14 THE COURT: You can stop right there because I was
15 contemplating the former and not the latter.

16 MR. GAGE: Okay.

17 THE COURT: What it really requires is for rather than
18 me micro managing how you and the plaintiff figure out who is
19 comparable, you all need to assess that between yourselves,
20 negotiate, do a 30(b)(6) if necessary, and then go forward on
21 that basis. The basic concept is that the comparator would be
22 men in engineering roles at level 8 and 9 provided the
23 engineering roles are comparable as you all negotiate and
24 figure out.

25 MR. GAGE: Okay, your Honor. I think that path